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DEPT FOR EUR/ACE - RBUCK
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USDOE/NNSA FOR TPERRY, DOC FOR PETERSEN-BEARD
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BAKU, ANKARA PASS TO EXBS ADVISOR
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SUBJECT: EXBS: ARMENIA ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE
FOR APRIL 2009.

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11. ITEMS OF BROAD INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS

NONE

12. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

April 1 - 10 - EXBS Advisor on leave.

April 27 - EXBS Advisor and program assistant attended the "Day of the Border Guard" ceremony. During his address to the troops, General Abrahamyan mentioned the assistance received from the US Government, how important this assistance was to the success of the border guards, and thanked the US Government for the assistance. He also announced a plan to convert all border guard troops from conscripts to contract soldiers. The plan will go into effect on 1 May 2009 and is scheduled to be complete by 1 May 2011, at which time all border guard troops will be contracted.

April 28 - EXBS Advisor and DCM met with Artak Shaboyan, Deputy Chief of State Revenues Committee to follow up on our March meeting to discuss utilization of EXBS equipment issued to Customs. Prior to starting the meeting, Mr. Shaboyan expressed his gratitude for the recent radiation detection training conducted at the Hammer institute in Washington State. He commented on the organization of the training and the quality of the training staff. The twenty customs officers that attended were very impressed with the training and found it very useful. Mr. Shaboyan started the meeting by informing us that he had personally travelled to all the regions, conducted inventories of equipment, and asked questions about equipment usage. He did find some discrepancies in inventories and a lack of knowledge at some customs houses. He and his team conducted training, updated inventories, and assured us that all equipment was

being utilized at all ports and customs houses. Mr. Shaboyan briefly touched on changes in customs enforcement structure concerning examination and anti-smuggling units. He also invited us to visit ports and let him know personally if we found any problems with inspection procedures or equipment usage. Just before the meeting ended, Mr. Shaboyan requested that we supply customs with more metal detectors since they have had a lot of success detecting contraband using metal detectors in the past. We agreed to consider his request and asked him to forward it in writing to the embassy.

April 29 - 30 - EXBS Advisor attended a workshop conducted by ISN concerning export controls and enforcement. The Department of Commerce presentations on the US Export Control System catch all controls, end user controls, weapons transfers and arms brokering, and risk assessment. The Armenian delegation gave briefings on their export control and licensing systems and the munitions control process. ISN will be sending a detailed cable of this workshop and follow up actions.

April 30 - EXBS Advisor, program assistant and Mr. Joe Baldwin, ISN/ECC, met with Mr. Karen Gasparyan, director of the Nonproliferation Center (NPC) to discuss the upcoming WMD incident response training and updates on plans to change the Armenian licensing process. Mr. Gasparyan informed us that the government of Armenia is going to issue a decree to split the military control list, transferring licensing control of approximately fifty percent of the items contained on the list to the Export Control Commission. The Military Technical Commission will retain control for licensing of the remaining items. The government also intends to issue a decree giving a "government guarantee" to all end user certificates issued by Armenian companies. EXBS will follow up on the status of both of these decrees.

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13. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

DOE NNSA conducted radiation detection training at the HAMMER institute in Washington State 13-17 April 2009, for 20 Armenian Customs Officers.

14. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

NONE

15. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

Training:

11. Executive exchange for 10 Armenian Border, Customs, and Government officials which was tentatively scheduled for October 2008 has been moved to spring 2009.

12. DTRA will conduct a WMD Incident Response exercise May 11 - 15, 12009.

13. DOE has tentatively scheduled ASCOT training for June 18 - 19, 12009.

Equipment:

Ground sensors for the Armenian Border Guards have finally been cleared through the permit and customs process and will be released to the Border Guards on May 18.

16. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NON-PROLIFERATION OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

NONE

17. Red Flag Issues

NONE

18. Any questions or comments can be directed to Paul Shott, EXBS Advisor, telephone: (374 10)49-43-45, Fax: (374 10)46-47-42, Email: shottjp@state.gov or EXBS Program Assistant Armen Tovmasyan,

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